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**ANCHORAGE MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR CHARGES RELATING TO FALSE CLAIMS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on December 13, 2007, Yewande Olubusola Okuwobi of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on charges of false claims of United States citizenship and possession of an unlawfully obtained document.

The three-count indictment named Okuwobi, age 24, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, the defendant purchased a fake social security card in order to be able to work in the United States. In applying for employment, Okuwobi claimed to be a United States citizen on two separate occasions on Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification.

Special Assistant United States Attorney John C. Reardon, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of six months in prison, a fine of \$5,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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